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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: ARCHITECTURE AND MECHANISM FOR  
FORWARDING LAYER INTERFACING FOR  
NETWORKS

Examiner: M. C. Marcelo

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. SECTION 1.116)**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 25, 2006, finally rejecting claims 58, 60, and 80, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 19 of this paper.